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# H. R. 927

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK (for himself and Mr. BERRY) introduced the following bill; which  
was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Satellite Consumers’  
5       Right to Local Channels Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. SATELLITE CARRIAGE OF ALL LOCAL TELEVISION**  
7               **SIGNALS IN ALL LOCAL MARKETS REQUIRED.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—

9               (1) NATIONAL LOCAL-TO-LOCAL.—Section  
10       338(a)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47

1 U.S.C. 338(a)(1)) is amended by striking “within  
2 that local market” and inserting “within any local  
3 market”.

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
5 338(a) of such Act (47 U.S.C. 338(a)) is amended  
6 by striking “(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—” and all that  
7 follows through “2002.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 subsection (a) shall be effective on the date that is 1 year  
10 after the date of enactment of this Act.

11 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months  
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal  
14 Communications Commission shall submit to the  
15 Committee on Energy & Commerce of the House of  
16 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
17 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report  
18 describing the progress of satellite carriers in imple-  
19 menting the requirements of the amendment made  
20 by subsection (a)(1).

21 (2) REPORT REQUIREMENT DURATION.—The  
22 report required under paragraph (1) shall be sub-  
23 mitted every 6 months until the Federal Commu-  
24 nications Commission has determined that all sat-

- 1 elite carriers comply with the provisions made by
- 2 the amendments in subsection (a).

